



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

Substitute Bill No. 629



AN ACT REQUIRING KILL SWITCHES FOR SMARTPHONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "smartphone" means a cellular mobile telephone or other mobile voice
3 communications handset device that includes all of the following
4 features: (1) A mobile operating system, (2) the capability to utilize
5 mobile software applications, access and browse the Internet, utilize
6 text messaging, utilize digital voice service and send and receive
7 electronic mail, (3) wireless network connectivity, and (4) the
8 capability of operating on a long-term evolution network or on any
9 successor wireless data network communication standard.

10 (b) Each new model of a smartphone offered for retail sale in this
11 state on or after July 1, 2016, shall include software or hardware, or a
12 combination of both, that once initiated and successfully
13 communicated by an authorized user, render inoperable, the essential
14 features of the smartphone to an unauthorized user.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a), "radio" was changed to "mobile" for statutory consistency.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*